

Minutes of the September 26, 2017 Van Rensselaer Division Council
Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of East Greenbush, NY

Call to order: Lt. Governor Steve Vadney called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm. He thanked all for attending and the East Greenbush Club for hosting the meeting. He introduced and thanked IPG Forbes Irvine from the North Central Staten Island Kiwanis Club for driving up from Staten Island to attend the meeting.

Roll Call – LG Steve requested that Secretary David Booker call the roll of the clubs:

Kiwanis Club of Castleton-Schodack, NY: two members present including Secretary Marty Ray;

Kiwanis Club of East Greenbush, NY: eight members present including President Mike Cronin;

Kiwanis Club of Hoosick Falls, NY: four members present including Secretary Gale Leva;

Kiwanis Club of North Greenbush, NY: no members;

Kiwanis Club of Rensselaer, NY: three members present including President Don Bink and Co-Secretary Donna Baxter;

Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake, NY: nine members present including President Jean F. Hamlin and Secretary David Booker;

Kiwanis Club of Troy, NY: six members present including Secretary Elissa Prout;

Division Officers present:

Lt. Governor Stephen Vadney;

Lt. Governor Elect Cary Lombardo

Immediate Past Lt. Governor Patricia A. Lane;

Division Treasurer PDLG Robert S. Pasquarelli;

Division Secretary PG David E. Booker;

Service Leadership Programs District Officers present:

Key Club Division XVII Lt. Governor Nicole Presti;

NY District Key Club Committee Member for Division XVIII Wendy Prout

Division Chairs present:

Formula Club Councilor/Facebook Elissa Prout;

NY District Officers present:

Immediate Past Governor Forbes Irvine

Opening remarks – Lt. Governor Steve Vadney remarked that he had reached the end of the ride and thanked all for a great year. He has felt as if he were a member of each of the clubs.

Approval of the previous minutes (August 9, 2017) – the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli reported that “we still have sufficient funds to do things.” The report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, was accepted on a voice vote.

Remarks of the Key Club Lt. Governor – Lt. Governor Nicole Presti reported that six of the eight clubs had attended the divisional meeting that was held the night before. A multi-divisional rally will be held in Saratoga and she would like to ask for a donation to assist with the purchase of snacks for the event.

Remarks of the Lt. Governor Designate – LGD Cary Ann Lombardo reported that arrangements for the Governor's Visit were being made. The Capital Division's The Helderbergs/Berne Club will host the event at the Octagonal Barn in Knox. The VRD will be responsible for 1/3 of the cost of the hotel room for the governor. She hopes that all the clubs will be represented at the event.

The Troy Club will hold a Kiwanis One Day (Saturday, October 28) event at the Troy YMCA 5K race. She would like to invite the other clubs to participate.

The next division council meeting will be hosted by the Troy Club at the Red Front Restaurant, 71 Division Street, Troy at 6PM. Healthy appetizers will be served. For a service project granola bars will be collected for a local running club – please bring some.

She then reviewed the plans for the Bells of Life Campaign. She asked the clubs that had not already done so to contact Bob Loveridge or Rick Sturm to schedule their date.

Agreement with the AMC concerning fund raising: Lt. Governor Steve informed the clubs that the Albany Medical Center had asked the Capital, Mohawk and Van Rensselaer Divisions to agree to a five-year pledge to raise \$50,000 for the construction of a new Pediatric Emergency Room. In return Kiwanis would receive recognition, i.e., plaque naming. This is not different from the past agreements for the PICU, NICU, or the Giraffes made in the past. The Council agreed to the commitment on a voice vote.

Remarks of the IPG – Forbes Irvine began his remarks by telling the clubs that not only did he travel a great deal further during the 3½ hour drive up from Staten Island than he can in 3½ hours on Long Island, but that it was a much nicer trip! He then called on IPLG Pat Lane to join him and, as she had been unable to attend the Mid-Year Conference, informed her for the first

time that not only had she earned the distinction of Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, but she is one of six of the 2015-16 Board to earn the title of Super Distinguished Lieutenant Governor! He then presented her with a jacket indicative of that status. 2015-16 Distinguished Club banner patches were presented to Castleton, East Greenbush, Sand Lake and Troy.

As this was the last meeting of the administrative year, LGD Cary presented LG Steve with his Past Lieutenant Governor's plaque – Steve's great efforts as LG were acknowledged with a standing ovation.

Old Business – none

New Business:

Request from the Kiwanis Club of Hoosick Falls for funding assistance for the purchase of two picnic tables for Hoosick Falls Playground (\$1792.00.) Hoosick Falls Secretary Gale Leva informed the club that two years ago the club was instrumental in the redoing of the town's playground. The picnic tables now must be replaced with ones that met the current codes. The cost of two such tables is \$1792.00, and the club would like to ask for assistance in meeting this need. After little discussion the council approved a donation of \$1792.00 to the Town of Hoosick Falls for the purchase of the two tables.

Request from the Kiwanis Club of Hoosick Falls for funding assistance for a weekend back-pack food program for the local schools. This was tabled for to allow a proposal to assist all the clubs of the division with this type of project.

Support of the Key Club Regional Meeting: A motion to donate \$100.00 to assist with the purchase of snacks for the upcoming Key Club Multi-Divisional Regional Meeting was made and seconded. This was amended to \$200.00 and passed by the council.

Club Reports –

Troy: The club just finished its successful Summer Reading Program at the TriCity ValleyCats – books were distributed to 200 families at five games. The first of the club's *Happy Hour meetings* will be held at Brown's Taproom on October 19 and Brown's will be inducted as the club's first Corporate Member. Future projects are: 10/7 cooking lunch for Joseph's House; 10/12 working at the NENY Regional Food Bank; 10/27 *Trunk or Treat* at the Samaritan Hospital from 4 to 7pm.

Sand Lake: the club is planning a larger dinner for handicapped children and their care-givers next February partnering with the Greenbush YMCA and the Rotary Club.

Rensselaer: The club now has tee shirts for the members. An installation dinner is scheduled for 1pm at October 10 at Jimmy Casey's the cost is \$23. Other project includes a 11/5 pancake breakfast from 8 to noon at St. John's Senior Center gym. The Builders Club has 36 members, the club served over a 100 seniors at a BBQ dinner at St Anthony's; at the senior luncheon for International Peace Day the club donated \$500.00. There are two new members and one potential new member. The club is discussing with the Upper Hudson Library possible programs.

Hoosick Falls: The club has four new members. The Autism Walk was successful.

East Greenbush: The Club will be holding a Kiwanis One Day fund raiser and the GoodBuy Bookstore is closing and will donate the unsold books to a company in RI to raise money for Eliminate. Otherwise it was a quiet summer.

Castleton: This year the club's membership is up 12 from the start of the year – now 51 members! The club participated in two local road races: the Cove Run and the Glover Sports Weekend. Future projects include: 1st responders dinner at the Schodack Landing Fire Company, Coleslaw night preparing for the BBQ and a Chicken BBQ fund-raiser.

LG Steve thanked IPG Forbes and LG Nicole for attending the meeting tonight.

Next Division Council Meeting: November 9 – hosted by the Troy Club

Next Division Event: October 14, 2017 – Division Installation and Governor's Visit

Adjournment – Lt. Governor Steve Vadney adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Booker,
Division Secretary